

RCE/2700
MAIL STOP RCE

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants: D.A. Slawson et al.

Attorney Docket No.: MSFT112767

Application No.: 09/224,009

Group Art Unit: 2176

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Filed: December 31, 1998

Examiner: W.L. Bashore

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Title: VISUAL THESAURUS

Technology Center 2100

**REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 /
PETITION FOR AN EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)**

Seattle, Washington 98101

November 12, 2003

TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS:

This is a request for continued examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application, in which prosecution is closed.

- X 1. A submission as required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 is submitted as follows: An Amendment/Response is enclosed herewith.
- X 2. Applicants respectfully request that the shortened statutory period for response to the final Office Action, dated July 15, 2003, set to expire on October 15, 2003, be extended by 1 month, to expire on November 15, 2003. The enclosed check includes the 1-month extension fee of \$110.
- X 3. The filing fee for the present request for continued examination is calculated below. No claims in excess of the number previously submitted are being added.

COMPUTATION OF FEE

	Number Filed After Any Amendment	Highest Number Previously Paid For	Present Extra	Rate	Additional Fee
Basic RCE Filing Fee	-	=	x	=	770
Total Claims	57	- 63	= 0	x 18	= 0
Independent Claims	4	- 4	= 0	x 86	= 0
Extension of Time			+	110	110
TOTAL					\$880

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- X 4. Check No. 151896 in the amount of \$880, as computed above, is enclosed in payment of the required fees for filing the present request for continued examination.
- X 5. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16, 1.17, and 1.18 which may be required during the entire pendency of the application, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 03-1740. This authorization also hereby includes a request for any extensions of time of the appropriate length required upon the filing of any reply during the entire prosecution of this application. A copy of this request is enclosed.


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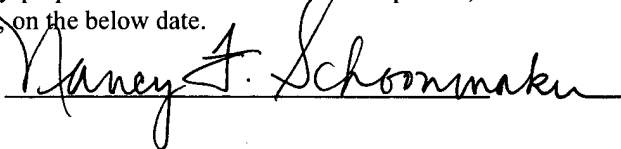
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AMENDMENT ACCOMPANYING REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION

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TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

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